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TOPIC Airfield Southwest of RIGA, Latvian SSR, Baltic MD		
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25X1X1. The airfield, located west-southwest of RIGA, between Bausker Street and Mitau Highway, was covered with grass and bordered by woods on the west. Individual houses were located north-east of the field, a small demolished radio tower was at a distance of some hundred meters. Some farm houses in the vicinity of the airfield had been demolished or stripped before the construction of the field was started. The airfield was estimated at 6,600x6,600 feet. The landing field was being drained, leveled, and, later, a 2,500 feet concrete taxiway was being built. No hangars were available until January 1946. PTs and Soviet Air Force soldiers were quartered in tents and light cantonment buildings. The airfield had been used by aircraft since the fall of 1945. Thirty to forty twin-engine aircraft (allegedly US make) were observed there.

25X1A Comment: The above airfield presumably is the RIGA-KALNCIEMS or RIGA-SKULTES airfield, which is entered on the RIGA town map. A report of November 1945 stated that the field was 6,600x10,000 feet, and that a circular taxiway and a runway were under construction. It was reportedly occupied by 40 twin-engine aircraft and 20 fighters.

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